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Honorable Lee Leffingwell, Chairman
Austin Fire Fighters Relief and Retirement Fund
4101 Parkstone Heights, Suite 270
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Mayor Leffingwell,

As the Austin Retired Fire Fighters Association, we support the 2011 Legislative Package which will be presented to the 82nd Texas Legislature. Having participated with the trustees of the Austin Fire Fighters Relief and Retirement Fund in compiling the changes contained in this package, we believe these changes will strengthen the ability of the pension fund in providing benefits for all beneficiaries.

It is our hope that the modifications initiated in this package will be approved as written, with no changes.

We very much appreciate the time and attention given by those submitting these changes in behalf of the Austin Fire Fighters Relief and Retirement Fund board of trustees.

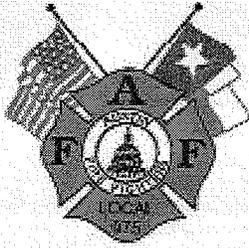
Sincerely,



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The Austin Firefighters Association supports the 2011 Legislative Package recommended by the Austin Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund which is to be presented to the 82nd Texas Legislature. The AFA membership has been surveyed on this issue and a vote was conducted. In both instances the membership voted in favor of the contribution increase, by a large margin for the survey and a narrow margin for the vote. Given these results and the level of AFA membership education, access, involvement, and voice in this process the AFA Eboard does support the Pension Board Trustee recommendations.

Bob Nicks
President, Austin Firefighters Association